

BFPC CEE Report January 2023.

1. A388 Tree Plantation.

It will be three years in March since the initial planting was done. Most have survived and even thrived, with several additions each year, resulting in a mix of some dozen species.

BFPC needs to decide on a longer term management plan for them now. Left alone, the brambles will gradually reclaim most of the site. In a few more years the young trees will be able to cope with this, but in the long term it would be preferable to keep access easy for residents to be able to view the trees close up. I don't want them to be like a museum exhibit in a sterile glass case.

2. Landmark Tree.

Forest for Cornwall do not seem to reply to any requests for updates on this.

3. Hatt Roundabout.

Given the increase in the cost of the contract for grass cutting in the village, BFPC decided to hand over this work to Cormac as was previously the case. Cormac's grass cutting regime now accords with the approach advocated by BFPC to increase biodiversity. This means that the roundabout will be cut twice per year: once in Spring and another in late Summer/early Autumn. This will not include a safety cut along the north-south diameter. BFPC might be able to negotiate this with our contractor.

Cllr Malcolm Fletcher.